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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR  
THE YEAR 1942.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a brief report for the year 1942, on the lines indicated by the Welsh Board of Health. All records are being kept for the issue of a further report after the war.

AREA.

This district has an area of 46,140 acres (land and inland water) with a population of 6,809 - Registrar's estimate.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS. LIBRARY

Deaths.

<u>Causes.</u>	M.	F.
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers.	0.	0.
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever.	0.	0.
3. Scarlet Fever.	0.	0.
4. Whooping Cough	0.	0.
5. Diphtheria	1.	0.
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1.	0.
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1.	0.
8. Syphilitic Diseases	1.	0.
9. Influenza	0.	0.
10. Measles	0.	0.
11. Acute Polio-myelitis & Polio-encephalitis	0.	0.
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis	0.	0.
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus (M)    Uterus (F)	1.	0.
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	3.	1.
15. Cancer of Breast	0.	0.
16. Cancer of all other sites	4.	6.
17. Diabetes	0.	0.
18. Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	3.	11.
19. Heart Disease	15.	17.
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1.	0.
21. Bronchitis	2.	2.
22. Pneumonia	0.	2.
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	0.	0.
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	0.	0.
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	1.	0.
26. Appendicitis	0.	0.
27. Other Digestive Diseases	3.	0.
28. Nephritis	4.	2.
29. Puerperal and Post-abortion Sepsis	0.	0.
30. Other maternal causes	0.	1.
31. Premature Birth	0.	1.
32. Congenital Malformation; Birth Injuries; Infantile Diseases	2.	1.
33. Suicide	0.	0.
34. Road Traffic Accidents	1.	0.
35. Other violent causes	1.	1.
36. All other causes	9.	8.
All causes	54.	53.

Total Deaths = 107.    Total Births = 114.

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 15.7  
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 16.7

Still Births = 3.    Rate per 1,000 = 0.44

Transferable Deaths.    Inward = 18.    Outward = 7.    Total = 25.



Infantile Mortality.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	3.	2.	5.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.

Rate of Infantile Mortality = 43.8

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Inspections have been carried out continuously throughout the district, and Informal and Statutory Notices have been served where necessary, and continuous records of same kept.

WATER.Reports on samples of water examined by public analyst.

Date	Supply sampled	Remarks
21st April.	Water from Neuadd Old Spring, Llangattock.	Bacteriologically, this sample of water is satisfactory.
15th June.	Water from combined storage tank, Crickhowell.	For an untreated supply, this sample of water is slightly below a proper bacteriological standard.
15th June.	Water from Brittainia Inn, Crickhowell.	For an untreated supply, this sample of water is satisfactory bacteriologically.
15th June.	Water from scullery of Brynrhos, Crickhowell. Water from Porthmawr.	For an untreated supply, these samples of water are satisfactory bacteriologically.
15th June.	Water from protected spring chamber, Wern supply. Water from protected spring chamber, Table Mountain.	For an untreated supply, these samples of water are satisfactory bacteriologically.

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SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

I have received copies of all the reports of the Sanitary Inspector and am in touch with him daily on all his activities.

Matters dealt with include items referred to in previous reports.

Inspections made	-	1,925
Informal Notices	-	62
Statutory Notices	-	4

SCHOOLS.

Only one school in the district was closed during the year. Cwmdu N.P. School was closed from 30th March until after the Easter Holidays on account of Chicken Pox.

HOUSING.

Plans received:-

No.	Nature of Building.	Situation.	Parish.
341.	Agricultural garage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
342.	*House.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
343.	*Cottage.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
344.	*Cottage.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
345.	Store Shed.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
348.	Garage and tool house.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
350.	Electricity extensions.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
351.	Annex to cottage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
	*Reconstruction.		

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.Meat.

The following goods were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:-

6 cans of salmon, weighing 3 lbs.  
172 lbs. tea.  
24 packets corn flakes.  
56 lbs. biscuits.

Certificates were issued to the retailers concerned, and the goods disposed of.



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year:-

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	6.
Whooping Cough.	7.
Diphtheria.	8.
Pneumonia.	11.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	4.
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.	3.

It is interesting to note that the cases of Diphtheria notified were cases where the patients had not been immunised against the disease.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis.

During the year 347 children were immunised against Diphtheria; 125 were children under 5 years, and 222 children between the ages of 5 and 15. The numbers of children immunised at 31st December, were as follows:-

Under 5 years	-	219
Between 5 and 15 years	-	1,102
Total	-	<u>1,321.</u>

Tuberculosis.

New Cases				Removals from Register			
Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	1.	1.	0.	2.	4.	2.	0.

Your obedient Servant,

J.S. TOWNLEY

Medical Officer of Health.

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28th September, 1943.

